

RESOLUTIONS

"AGAINST the amendment to the Constitution giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments of old age assistance to those above sixty-five (65) years of age; provided that monthly payments from State funds to any one person may be in valid amounts based on need, that the maximum payment per month per person from State funds shall not be more than Twenty Dollars (\$20) per month; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments for the needy blind persons over twenty-one (21) years of age; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments to needy children under sixteen (16) years of age; providing for the expenditure of funds from the Federal Government; limiting the total amount which may be expended for such assistance out of State funds; and providing conditions as to residence within the State in order to become eligible to receive assistance."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and held as required by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Texas.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, to pay expenses of such publication and election.

Passed the House, February 20, 1945: Yeas 135, Nays 0; House concurred in Senate amendments, May 17, 1945: Yeas 113, Nays 10; passed by the Senate, as amended, May 9, 1945: Yeas 21, Nays 6. Filed without the Governor's signature, May 22, 1945. Adopted at election held Aug. 25, 1945.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ART. 8, § 7-a

H. J. R. No. 49

Proposing an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section to be known as "Section 7-a"; providing that subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues derived from the taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, levied on motor fuels and lubricants and motor vehicles registration fees shall be used for the sole purposes of acquiring rights-of-way for and constructing and maintaining public roadways; for the administration of laws pertaining to traffic and safety; and for the payment of principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; providing and insuring that each county shall never derive less revenue from motor registration fees than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945; negating any interpretation of this amendment as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose; providing for the submission of this amendment to the voters of this State; prescribing the form of ballot; and providing for the proclamation of the election and the publication thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section to be known as 7-a and to read as follows:

"Section 7-a. Subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction, all net revenues remaining after payment of all refunds allowed by law and expenses of collection derived from motor vehicle registration fees, and all taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, on motor fuels and lubricants used to propel motor vehicles over public road-

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ways, shall be used for the sole purpose of acquiring rights-of-way, constructing, maintaining, and policing such public roadways, and for the administration of such laws as may be prescribed by the Legislature pertaining to the supervision of traffic and safety on such roads; and for the payment of the principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible prior to January 2, 1945, for payment out of the County and Road District Highway Fund under existing law; provided, however, that one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; and, provided, however, that the net revenue derived by counties from motor vehicle registration fees shall never be less than the maximum amounts allowed to be retained by each County and the percentage allowed to be retained by each County under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the General Election to be held in November, 1946, at which election each ballot shall have printed thereon the following words:

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution of the State providing that subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues derived from taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, levied on motor fuels and lubricants and motor vehicle registration fees shall be used for the sole purposes of acquiring rights-of-way for and constructing and maintaining public roadways; for the administration of laws pertaining to traffic and safety; and for the payment of principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; providing and insuring that each county shall never derive less revenue from motor registration fees than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945; and negating any interpretation of this amendment as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues derived from taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, levied on motor fuels and lubricants and motor vehicle registration fees shall be used for the sole purposes of acquiring rights-of-way for and constructing and maintaining public roadways; for the administration of laws pertaining to traffic and safety; and for the payment of principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; providing and insuring that each county shall never derive less revenue from motor registration fees than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945; and negating any interpretation of this amendment as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

"Each voter shall strike out with pen or pencil the clause which he desires to vote against so as to indicate whether he is voting FOR or AGAINST said proposed amendment."

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Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

Passed by the House, April 3, 1945: Yeas 124, Nays 16; House refused to concur in Senate amendments, May 30, 1945, and requested appointment of Conference Committee to consider differences between the two Houses; House adopted Conference Committee Report, June 4, 1945: Yeas 103, Nays 18; passed by the Senate, with amendments, May 29, 1945: Yeas 21, Nays 8; at request of House, Senate appointed Conference Committee to consider differences between the two Houses; Senate adopted Conference Committee Report, June 5, 1945: Yeas 23, Nays 7.

Filed without the Governor's signature June 6, 1945.

To be voted at election to be held in Nov. 1946.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—CONST. ART. 3, § 49-b

H. J. R. No. 62

Proposing an Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by the addition of a new Section to be known as Section 49-b, creating a Veteran's Land Board and establishing a Veteran's Land Fund; providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 49-b which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 49-b. There is hereby created a Board to be known as the Veteran's Land Board, which shall be composed of the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office. The Legislature shall provide by law for the issuance by said Board of not to exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as the Veteran's Land Fund. Such bonds shall be executed by said Board as an obligation of the State of Texas in such form, denominations, and upon such terms as shall be prescribed by law, provided, however, that said bonds shall bear a rate of interest not to exceed three per cent (3%) per annum.

"In the sale of any such bonds a preferential right of purchase shall be given to the administrators of the various teacher retirement funds, the Permanent University Funds, and the Permanent Free School Funds; such bonds to be issued only as needed, in the opinion of the Veteran's Land Board under legislative authorization.

"The Veteran's Land Fund shall be used by the Board for the sole purpose of purchasing lands suitable for the purpose hereinafter stated, situated in this State (a) owned by the United States, or any governmental agency thereof; (b) owned by the Texas Prison System, or any other governmental agency of the State of Texas; or (c) owned by any person, firm, or corporation.

"All lands thus purchased shall be acquired at the lowest price obtainable, be paid for in cash, and shall be a part of the Veteran's Land Fund.

"The lands of the Veteran's Land Fund shall be sold by the State to Texas Veterans of the present war or wars, commonly known as World War II, in such quantities, and on such terms, and at such prices and such rates of interest, and under such rules and regulations as may be